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TITLE: STORAGE SYSTEM HAVING REDUNDANCY BLOCK, AND
CONTROLLER, CONTROL METHOD, PROGRAM, AND STORAGE
MEDIUM FOR STORAGE SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is herewith filed in conjunction with the filing of a new U.S. Patent Application that claims priority from Japanese Patent Application No.: 2003-118907, filed April 23, 2003. Any fee required as a result of this Preliminary Amendment is accounted for in the attached new application transmittal. However, should the undersigned attorney be mistaken, or should there be a fee deficiency, please charge deposit account no.: 09-0466 for the amount of the deficiency.

Please amend the application as shown below.